

REMARKS

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed on December 29, 2005. Upon entrance of the amendments set out above, Claims 1-2, 6-7, 9-18, 49-56, 58, and 80-83 will be pending in this application.

Claims 1-4, 9-21, 43, 44, 49-56 and 58 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable. Response is hereby made to these rejections. Claims 80-82 were allowed, and claims 5-7, 22, and 23 were held to have allowable subject matter but depended from rejected case claims.

Claim one has been amended to include the limitations of claims 4, and 5, and thus should be allowed.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention that the subject matter of original claim 8 had been added to claim one in the response to the prior office action, and is removed (and rewritten as new dependent claim 83 by the above amendment.) This should not affect patentability, because the subject matter of original claim 5 (which depended from claims 4 and 1) was not rejected over the prior art. Thus, even without the limitations of original claim 8, claim 1 as amended is allowable.

Claims 2, 6-7, 9-18 and 83 depend from claim 1 and are thus also allowable.

Claim 49 has been amended to include a limitation similar to the limitation of claim 5. Thus, claim 49 should be allowed, as should claims 50-56 and 58, which depend from claim 49.

Claims 80-82 have been allowed.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application should be allowed. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned below if it will aid in the prosecution of this application.

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